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ARREST OF SUSPECT DRIVING A STOLEN MOTORCYCLE

(San Diego) On August 7, 2007 at about 11 p.m. an SDPD officer was in pursuit of a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of Highway 52 and Mast Blvd. The patrol officer lost sight of the motorcycle on Highway 52, but picked it up a short distance later. When the suspect saw the patrol car, he accelerated again to speeds in excess of 100 mph. ABLE (SDPD helicopter) arrived in the area and began to track the motorcycle. The patrol units on the ground were told to drop out of the pursuit.

ABLE followed the motorcycle onto Highway 163 from 52 and the CHP was able to pick up the motorcycle as it approached Friars Road. The suspect accelerated again once he was on Interstate 8 going west. His speed was estimated at 140 mph and he was weaving in and out of traffic.

The suspect tried to take the ramp from Interstate 8 west onto Interstate 5 south but could not negotiate the turn. He crashed into the ice plant west of the freeway. CHP officers took the suspect into custody without incident.

It was later determined that the motorcycle was stolen. (The suspect was arrested by CHP so we do not have his name since we did not book him.)

Video of this incident is available at the SDPD headquarters front counter until 5 p.m. today (8/8/07).

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